GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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COMPLAINT AGAINST SUPPLY OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received specific complaint about supply of more coal than existing capacity of washery to M/s.Aryan Coal Beneficiation Limited Dipika (ACBL) by South Eastern Coal Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any enquiry in this regard; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b) : Some complaints have been received regarding supply of more coal than existing capacity of washery to M/s Aryan Coal Beneficiation Pvt. Ltd, Dipika by South Eastern Coalfields Ltd(SECL). During 2005-06, 8.91 Million tonnes of raw coal was supplied by South-Eastern Coalfield Ltd(SECL) to M/s.Aryan Coal Benefication Ltd., who has been designated as agent by the respective linked consumers of SECL. As per rules, raw coal was supplied by SECL to the above mentioned agent only after receipt of due payment from consumer. The Standing Linkage Committee(Short Term) for Power & Cement makes quarterly allocation of raw coal to the linked consumers, keeping in view the inputs provided by the coal companies, Railways and Nodal Ministries. The quarterly allocation relating to SECL indicates only raw coal to be supplied by the coal company to the consumers and their modes of transportation based on request of the consumers.

(c) & (d) : A committee was constituted by Coal India Ltd to assess the capacity(Mty) of Dipka washery of M/s. Aryan Coal Beneficiation Ltd taking into consideration
(i) the system capacity in terms of throughput per hour
(ii) permissible hours of operation per year
(iii) matching infrastructure as available at present for transportation of raw coal, washed coal and reject. The Committee has since submitted an interim report and based on the recommendations of the report of the Committee, action is being taken. The said Committee has reported that M/s. Aryan Coal Beneficiation has the capacity to wash 9 million tonnes of raw coal.